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# Embracing community support

As I brace for my first full winter in Western New York, I can't help but think that Buffalo is a very warm place. I recognize that having lived in Central New York for most of my life, I have built up a pretty strong tolerance for crisp air and chilly mornings. Nevertheless, I have been pleasantly surprised by the natural sense of warmth and comfort that Buffalo exudes, and I attribute that to this community.

During my first few months as dean I have **reached out** to as many members of the UB School of Law community as possible – students, alumni, donors, partners, collaborators and friends. And as I reflect upon everyone I have met, and on what makes Buffalo and the UB School of Law community so special, it all comes back to each of you. YOU are why this community is so special.

At each meeting and every event, I have been asked, **"How can I help?"** Your genuine commitment to the law school is clear and undeniable. You recognize the significance of preparing our students for a changing profession, and you share a vision for the education we provide.

Our law school has a bright and promising future. However, its progress is dependent upon the cumulative efforts of every one of us. In this issue of our law school magazine, you'll read about just a few of our amazing alumni ambassadors who contribute to these efforts in countless ways. The answer to how **you** can help is simple.

Get involved, **reach back** and be an active participant in the education of the next generation of lawyers. Mentor our students. Provide them with externship opportunities. Fund a scholarship. Assist with organizing events and programming. Advocate for the hiring of our students and act as our eyes and ears for placement opportunities.

You may have already heard me speak on the importance of helping every one of our students find a



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job after graduation. It is our #1 priority and so it bears repeating. We have a moral obligation to use our significant influence in this community to ensure that all of our students find employment upon completing their law degree and are fully embraced by the warmth of this community.

I am incredibly grateful to know that I have your support. Thank you for your input and guidance, and for all of your contributions to the law school. I look forward to many new collaborations throughout the new year.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2018,

Aviva Abramovsky